

## SOME GOOD REASONS

Why Women Should All Have the Ballot,

## GIVEN BY THE SPEAKERS PRESENT

At Garfield Picnic—Eva Blackman, J. W. Gleed and Others Make Speeches.

The attendance at the suffrage meeting at Garfield park yesterday afternoon was neither large nor enthusiastic, but it was earnest and patient. Only between two and three hundred people, mostly women, were there owing perhaps to the oft-recurring fact that the event had not been judiciously advertised.

The exercises were to have begun at 2:30, but as the management was even more disappointed in the matter of speakers than in that of an audience and as it was necessary to wait for them, it was at least three-quarters of an hour later before Dr. Eva Harding ascended the platform with other members of the suffrage league and announced to the audience their predicament. Only two of the six billed to speak were present, Mrs. Johns and Mrs. Diggs both having failed to appear. It was the intention, however, to go on with the meeting as best they could.

The first speaker was Mrs. L. B. Smith of Ottawa, who is the state president of the W. C. T. U. She spoke of the limitation of the ballot, and thought that it was now too limited in some directions and too sweeping in others. There are men, she said, being born every five minutes in this country in an atmosphere that will make them not one-tenth so able to cope with the moral and financial questions of the nation, and not one-tenth so able to assert intelligently the rights of citizenship as the average woman of the same day. She believed that the thinking woman was sure to bear thinking, moral children. She believed that if woman had the ballot she could blot out forever the curse of intemperance. As it is now, she said, the whiskey element in the country "in the country there are 240,000 saloons, all mortgaged to the breweries. These saloons control in their own favor at least an average of fifteen votes each, or a total in the country of 3,600,000, nearly one-half of the total vote of either of the old parties. If the woman got the ballot see what she could do."

H. H. Brown was next called upon and said in substance: "For forty years I have been in favor of female suffrage and in all that time I have never heard an argument against it that was worthy of intelligent consideration. The arguments that are advanced against it are not of principle; they are arguments of policy. On our side are nature's laws and God's purpose. Truth will at last control the earth. Has not woman done more for civilization than man ever could? What would the church be today if it had not been for women and their enlightening influence? Would there have been a church? Woman has always uplifted man. How can we refuse her the privilege of standing equally with us in the ballot when we realize that behind every great man stand a mother? The hope of the future depends on woman's elevation. What woman is, the nation must be."

"I am a firm believer in the law of heredity. A slave woman will bring forth a slave child. Have not the slave mothers of the past brought forth the slaves of today? No manly man can come of a degraded woman."

"The woman raises the child. It is nature's law that the child should belong to her, and I say it is a curse to American civilization that the courts give the child to the father."

"Woman has certainly proven her ability to stand equal with man in every intellectual way and yet no man can stoop to the depths a woman can in iniquity. Look at our women lobbyists who stand about the halls of legislation and play on our lawmakers' basest passions to accomplish most unwholesome legislation. Raise her above this."

"It is said that woman cannot vote because she cannot fight. We don't want her to fight. It were better if we had no armed force in the country. The standing army is a menace to peace."

"All eyes of the nation are on Kansas now. I know that suffrage is coming because God is with it and it is right, but it is necessary that Kansas should set the example."

Hon. Albert Griffin (the Republican) was in the audience, and came forward and talked. He was simply petty spite, for failing to put a suffrage plank in the state platform, and also abused the members of the party who had been in favor of suffrage but had declared that they would oppose it now simply because the Populist had been wise enough to adopt it. It was simply petty spite, he said.

At the close of Griffin's remarks Z. F. Riley was called and talked along much the same line as Mr. Griffin.

Mrs. Eva M. Blackman of the Leavenworth board of police commissioners had been on the platform all this time and was now called forward. Her speech was short but it was to the point. Among other things she said: "If it were true that woman should be allowed to vote because she cannot fight and if suffrage should depend upon brute force, our esteemed friend John Lawrence Sullivan should have about fifteen votes while Rev. Lyman Abbott should not be entitled to more than half a one."

"While we certainly deplore the recent labor disturbances, I feel that it has accomplished this good at least: It has awakened the women to a sense of what they can and should do. Labor disturbances tend to awaken women from their apathy and teach them that we need legislation that will make impossible the conditions that will endanger the lives of her husband, brothers and sons."

Mrs. Blackman's speech finished the programme for the afternoon.

At the evening meeting the number of auditors was smaller than in the day time.

Willis Gleed was the speaker of the evening but owing to the limitations of the crowd and the threatening appearance of the weather he cut his speech short. What there was of it was good, however.

He said: "Opposition to suffrage is based on no reason at all; it is based simply on prejudice—blind prejudice. Prejudice is like sleeping in an emigrant car, when you get up in the morning the car smells all right. A good many people argue against equal suffrage because it would be an overturning of ancient institutions. In this country ancient institutions are getting used to being overturned."

"I heard a young man say the other day. 'When my mother gets to voting I want to quit.' I thought it would be a mighty good swap and I said, 'God speed the day.' Equal suffrage is the right thing, the true thing and the thing we must have. I asked Mr. Overmyer the other day why he objected to female suffrage and he replied that he was afraid it would destroy woman's sweet effeminate nature. [Laughter.] Woman doesn't need a law to keep her effeminate. You see the arguments have no reason in them. These people simply do not want it so because they do not want it so."

"It makes me think of a man going down to the sea shore with a spoon to dip up salt water. I would as soon think of calling to him, 'Don't do that, you will make the ocean dry,' as to declare that giving women the right to vote would destroy her womanliness. We don't have to keep her womanly. I don't believe woman was put here to keep man masculine."

"It is narrowed down to this question with every man: Is my wife my equal or is she my inferior? Is it possible that any man will boldly say by his course against equal suffrage that he has married a woman that is his inferior? Does he want the kind of a woman to be the mother of his children? I think not."

"It is with the woman to train the coming generation. She is the nation's future. Is it not right then that she should be allowed the privilege of registering her opinion on national questions once a year at her husband's side?"

Mr. Gleed's speech was highly interesting and the ladies would not allow him to escape until he had promised to finish it at some future time.

## TO MAKE MORE ROOM.

For Seating Big Audiences at the City Park.

The city council has had the matter of improving the "speaking facilities" at the city park brought to its notice by a resolution introduced at its last meeting by Councilman Bradford, asking that a committee investigate the building and seats at the park and report at the next meeting. The mayor put the matter in the hands of the committee on public buildings and parks and a report will be made at the next meeting of the council. Mr. Bradford said today: "I am in favor of putting up seats that will accommodate 2,000 or 3,000 people and enlarging the pavilion to about the size the Populists made it at their rally."

"If the city finances were not in such bad condition I would advocate the building of a canopy over the seats which might be enclosed some time in the future, but that is out of the question now. There ought to be some place, however, which will accommodate large outdoor gatherings."

"If such a building could be put up it would afford a place to hold political conventions and other large summer meetings. Topeka must awake to the fact that she cannot secure all these state conventions unless a hall of some kind is provided. At the Republican convention half the people could not be accommodated because the hall was not large enough and still the convention was held in the largest hall in the city."

## BATTERY B TO DISBAND.

Political Differences in the Ranks Bring About Demoralization.

There is a well founded rumor that Battery B, located at Topeka, and commanded by Lieutenant H. M. Phillips, will be disbanded.

The reasons assigned are that the battery is demoralized, and that there is division in its ranks caused by political differences.

It is said that during the strike troubles several members of the battery came to the armory wearing the white ribbons which declared their sympathy with the strikers, while the other faction wore the little flag which is taken to indicate the opposite. Nothing was said on the matter at the armory, but some rather warm discussion took place outside.

Then there is another source of trouble. E. S. Hunter is second duty sergeant of the battery, and he is also captain of the Coxey Home guard. When he accepted the latter position the commander of the battery protested and took the position that Hunter could not consistently occupy both positions. Hunter refused to resign the captaincy of the Home guard, but when he marched down the street with "General" Ariz and the "army," the limit was reached, and Lieutenant Phillips ordered Hunter's discharge. The matter hung fire until last week, when the captain of the Home guard assured the commander of the battery that the guard was no longer doing active work, and that he regretted the part he had taken in the organization. The application for his discharge was then withdrawn and harmony was established.

At the meeting of the state military board this week it is understood the question of disbanding the battery was discussed and while no action was taken by the board the matter was left in a condition not favorable to its continuation.

The greater number of the battery are Republicans. Lieutenant Phillips said when asked about the reported disbandment of the battery "I have received no word any kind about it. As far as disbandment the ranks are concerned there is no truth in it and we have never allowed politics to be discussed in the battery."

Band Concert Tonight.

Marshall's Military Band will give their usual open air concert at Garfield Park tonight, commencing at 8 o'clock.

See those pictures in Turnbull's window, your choice for \$1.50 and \$2.25.

Tickets on sale July 21, 22 and 23, via the Great Rock Island route.

The Abilath Lodge Degree of Shriner have selected the Santa Fe as the official route to Denver, and they will pass through here Sunday, July 22, on No. 5.

Why is it you can get the best quality of meat at reduced prices at Goodman Bros. Because they have adopted the cash system.

The State Journal's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

Colorado and Return \$25.

Go to Garfield park tonight and hear the concert by Marshall's band.

This week \$3 shoes for \$2.50 at Furman's.

Cheap smoked glasses at the Chas. Bennett's optical store 713 Kan. av.

Went Up in Smoke.

Many a nickel and dime has gone that way, but you won't feel as though yours had gone that way if you buy your cigars from Stansfield he keeps the best imported 5 and 10 cent cigars.

Furman's \$3 warranted shoe this week at \$2.50.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The first of the series of parties given by the Imperials at Vinewood, took place last evening and was in honor of Miss Alice Hood of Emporia. Watson's orchestra played for them and the grounds surrounding the pavilion were explored by those of a romantic turn of mind. The list is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, Misses Blanche Dienst, Clemma Linn, Mabel Johnson, Glenn Cross, Nina Sheaffer, Bessie Stewart, Edna Lakin, Henrietta Thompson, Edna Best, Agnes Lee of Kansas City, Celia Hayden of Columbus, Ohio, Irene Horner, J. B. Curry, Kelly, Jessie Edson, Lucine Barker of Lawrence, Carrie Clarkson, Jessie Small, Nellie McClintock, Meliora and Sadie Hambleton, Stella Black of St. Louis, Abbie Ware, Florence Greer, Julia Street, Helen Scott, Grace Shellbarger of Decatur, Illinois, Cleo Ewart, Lulu Manspeaker, and Messrs. Geo. Crawford, Chas. McCabe, Harry Weaver, Frank Edson, Walter Noble, Will Walker, Charles Thomas, Jerry Black, Fred Kingsley, Fred Bonbrake, Ed Dennis, Park Ewart, Cliff Histed, T. R. Hopkins, C. D. Easthope of Niles, J. B. Curry, Al Evans, Mart Wikidal, Walter Wilder, Ed Streicher, Geo. Rust, Will Alexander, John Frey, Julius Weidling, Ed Horner, H. H. King, John Waters, Eugene Yates, R. K. Jamison, Geo. Hayden, Charles Barnes and J. B. Clay.

A Farewell Picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Irwin who leave for New York to reside, next week will enjoy a farewell visit and picnic at Garfield park this afternoon with Rev. J. B. Thomas and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mulvane, Mrs. Alfred, Mrs. Freeman and daughters, Lillian and Zena, Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Stewart and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitaker, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shaw and daughters, Ina and Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miner and son, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Butts and C. E. Butts are at Merrill Springs, Kansas.

Mrs. Clark of 119 North Klein street is visiting in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. John Small and Miss Jessie Small will leave Monday for Grand Lake, Col.

Walter and Fay McPherson have gone to Clay Center to visit relatives.

At the recent picnic.

A most enjoyable picnic was given at Garfield park on Wednesday afternoon by Misses Kiddler and Jones. Those present were: Misses Flossie Benton, Belle Stagg, Ella Sowers, May Dunn, Pearl Webber, Olive McCarter, Daisy Cole of Kansas City, Eva Harding, Eva Griggs, Louise Jones, Edna Chesney, Mabel Jones and Maud Kiddler, Messrs. Harold Reed, Wm. Fulton, A. Torrence, Albert Holmes, Webb Stevenson, Frank Crane, Joe Reischer and Harry Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dienst entertained a few near neighborhood friends informally Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and Mr. C. D. Easthope of Niles, O. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Out, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manspeaker, Dr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Wear, Dr. and Mrs. Cooksey, Misses Lulu Manspeaker, Gertrude Mearns, Messrs. Will Trump and Warren Akers.

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General Social News.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, and Mrs. A. R. Lingsfelt, Misses Nellie Clough, Mary McCabe, Emily King, Grace Vandegrift of Kansas City; Messrs. Jarrell, Akers and Vandegrift will picnic at Vinewood this afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Harris and Mr. C. D. Easthope will leave tomorrow morning for Los Angeles, Cal.

Grace Vandegrift of Kansas City is visiting her father F. L. Vandegrift.

Miss Gregory of Denver is the guest of her cousin Miss Mattie Mills.

Rob Clary of Kansas City, spent yesterday with Bert Sutherland.

Mrs. H. Clarkson and daughter Carrie will go to the limit was reached, and Mr. Clarkson will join them later.

Mrs. F. W. Wolf has returned to her home in Osgood City.

Miss Nellie Small will go to Severance, Kan., Monday, to visit Miss Grace Curtis.

Little George Willard is ill at his home in Potwin.

Misses Minnie Sailer and Alice Flynn and John Shean will leave for Denver Sunday, to spend a couple of weeks.

Mrs. E. C. Davis of Horton, is in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Trout was up from Wamego yesterday.

Miss Ada and Master James Mott of Independence, Mo., are visiting their aunt Mrs. E. Medlicott at 801 Lincoln street.

Miss Lucine Barker of Lawrence, is the guest of Miss Jessie Edson.

Misses Edna and Leta Hitt and Miss Campbell have gone to Dover to spend a few days with Mrs. Dr. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. B. Brown, are visiting in Parsons, Kan., this week.

Mrs. Ed Small is ill at her home on Tyler street.

Mr. Joseph Marsh's party, which was to have been given Wednesday evening, has been postponed indefinitely.

Mrs. H. W. Roby is expected home from her visit to Pittsburg, Pa., today.

Every pair of gent's fine shoes purchased this week at Furman's will save you \$1.

See De Moss and P-nwell's new undertaking rooms. 533 Quincy at

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Buy a choice of good all wool Pants that were \$3 and 3.50, now \$1.98. Any style—all fabrics.

Buy a choice of fine all wool Pantalons, Cheviots and Worsteds that were \$4 and \$4.50, finely made, now \$2.75.

**\$3.50**

Buy a choice of fine all wool Breeches—Worsted, Tweeds, Cheviots and Cassimeres that were \$5 and \$5.50, now \$3.50—Neatest Patterns—Best styles.

**\$4.50**

Buy a choice of most elegant \$5, \$7, \$8, \$9 Trousers, equal in every respect to best tailor's make—of best and finest fabrics—Don't order any until you've seen these.

## KNEE PANTS

25c Knee Pants, now.....19c  
50c, 75c Pants, now.....39c  
\$1, \$1.50 Pants, now.....69c

## LONG PANTS

\$1.50 Long Pants, now.....95c  
\$2.50 Long Pants, now.....\$1.50  
\$3.50 and \$4 Pants, now.....\$2.25

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## ARE GAMBLING DEVICES.

Judge Ensminger Decides on the Slot Machine Cases.

The police court as a place of amusement was very much a failure this morning. The people of Topeka had been behaving themselves during the twenty-four hours prior to 8 o'clock and there had been no arrests. Even Smoky Row escaped representation.

The only cases called were some that had been continued and there was nothing about them that was very interesting.

George Morgan, who has been on the docket since Wednesday, charged with fast driving, was the first to respond. He had several witnesses, among them James Clayton, who had been trying to pass Morgan when he was arrested. Clayton was also under arrest. Both were colored.

Morgan pleaded not guilty, and stuck to the best of his ability, but even his own witnesses were against him, and the judge in finding him \$5 incidentally remarked that he not only considered him guilty, but not honest enough to tell the truth.

Clayton pleaded guilty and was fined \$3 which he paid. Morgan paid his also. The four machine cases were then called so much that it was determined to get rid of them. The defendants in the cases were Charles Havelin, John Fieger, Henry Helser and P. A. Wise. It should be understood that these men were arrested for maintaining slot machines without having paid the city license.

In the case of Havelin and Helser, who are partners, it was developed after much questioning on the part of City Attorney Hingate and a good deal of acrobatic maneuvering on the part of Mr. Helser, although it was Mr. Havelin that was being examined (broken in upon with recurring frequency by the judge's demands for quiet and threats of commitment) that the machines in question were of the species known as gambling devices because they were chance games, hence without the authority of the city to collect a license on. The cases were then dismissed at the suggestion of Mr. Hingate.

The next case was that of John Fieger and P. A. Wise who were called upon to answer to the same charges set forth in the other cases. It seems that Mr. Wise owns the machine in question as he does several others, and that he had placed it in the store of Mr. Fieger in North Topeka. This was also decided to be a gambling device and the case was dismissed. Mr. Wise objected to having the machine referred to as a gambling device, but the case was dismissed just the same.

This ended the police excitement for the day excepting that Mr. Helser and his oratory came back to abuse the judge, the city attorney, the police force, Topeka and the world generally, but he could not find anybody to quarrel with him so he finally gave it up.

Midsummer Shoe Sale.

This week we commence our semi-annual clearing sale of medium and fine footwear. Our stock is larger than usual, therefore must unload. In order to do this must cut prices regardless of the first cost. See what cash will do during this sale.

FURMAN'S, 604 Kansas Ave.

## SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Judge Hazen will take a short vacation in August.

A car load of oranges will last just a week in Topeka.

F. B. Dawes will make another speech in Topeka August 1.

The south cell room at the city prison is being whitewashed.

Sup't. H. N. Gaines will address the Populist league tonight.

The woolen mill buildings are almost finished up to the second story.

J. W. Gleed will address the Russell county normal institute July 31.

General J. C. Caldwell will make a speech at Belleville next Saturday.

The meeting of the colored Odd Fellows closed with a banquet last night.

Mrs. Eva Blackman, the Leavenworth suffragist, is an enthusiastic bicyclist.

The Santa Fe shops whistle will commence blowing next Monday morning.

Some of the cars used on the new electric line at Leavenworth are vestibuled.

Why is it that the Topeka street lights are out just about half the time at night?

There was a dancing party at Vinewood last night and also one at Garfield.

The old court house should be torn down when it is vacated by the county offices.

The state military board has authorized the equipment of a platoon of cavalry at Lawrence.

The favorite mode of addressing the chair at a suffrage meeting is "Madam president."

A big tent has been put up in the city park for the protracted meetings of the Church of God.

Because a man happens to have a boll on his nose people shouldn't be too hasty it assigning it to strong drink.

Fruit dealers complain that they are unable to get any California fruit on account of the strike on the coast.

Dr. McVicar and his assistants on the faculty are working up the interest of Washburn college over the state.

Osgood county has been divided into 250 districts by the chairman of the Republican county central committee.

The boys of the First M. E. Sunday school will organize a company of Epworth guards tomorrow afternoon.

An impatient public wants to know when the Bank of Topeka is going to take the planks off its new stone walk.

Attorney General Little is writing a reply to W. F. Rightmire's charges against him on the Pullman tax cases.

Judge Foster has signed and authorized the Santa Fe receivers to pay the deputies employed in the strike \$3 a day for their services.

Pension Agent Glick says the Germans of Kansas have too much respect for women to vote the Populist ticket and endorse suffrage.

The greenhouse of Bird & Rodman at the corner of Eleventh and Quincy has been torn down and moved to the corner of Twelfth and Monroe.

Deputy Bank Commissioner W. A. Waterman joined a tennis club to reduce his weight. The first week he used the racket he gained ten pounds.

The state board of railroad commis-

sioners has decided that it has no jurisdiction to consider a rate on iron pipe in Wichita. It is an interstate case.

A horse on Kansas avenue got a high wheel bicycle under his feet today and when he got through with it looked something like a debilitated barrel hoop.

U. S. Hoagland has been appointed lieutenant colonel of the second regiment K. N. G., to succeed John T. Shawver, of Wellington, whose term has expired.